



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The brain directs involuntary actions such as breathing, blinking, thinking, and swallowing. It also controls our senses, personality, memory, mobility, and almost all aspects of life; and
- WHEREAS: In 2018, an estimated 79,000 people will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor, and a malignant brain tumor diagnosis will be fatal for an estimated 16,000 individuals; and
- WHEREAS: Today, it is estimated that more than 700,000 people in the U.S. are already living with one or more primary brain tumors, 80 percent of which are predicted to be benign and 20 percent malignant; and
- WHEREAS: There are 130 different types of brain tumors, including metastatic brain tumors. A metastatic brain tumor originates somewhere else in the body and spreads to the brain, and it is estimated that 80 percent of all cancer types have the potential to metastasize. Whether primary or metastatic, brain tumors may affect men, women, and children of all ethnicities and backgrounds at any stage of life; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 25 to 40 percent of all cancer patients are diagnosed with a metastatic brain tumor, and of those affected by such tumors, almost half will succumb to the disease; and
- WHEREAS: A brain tumor profoundly impacts the lives of patients and caregivers. Increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as enhanced education regarding the impact brain tumors have on the lives of patients, their families and caregivers, are critical for finding a cure; and
- WHEREAS: Very few FDA-approved drugs treat primary brain tumors, and no FDA-approved drugs exclusively treat metastatic brain tumors. Local organizations, including the Southeastern Brain Tumor Foundation, as well as national organizations such as the American Brain Tumor Association and the National Brain Tumor Society, generate efforts to promote a greater awareness of this disease, to uncover resources and services, and to band together to spearhead and advance treatments, research, and support; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to many renowned cancer treatment facilities, including Emory Winship Cancer Center, Piedmont Brain Tumor Center, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, and institutions such as the Medical College of Georgia, the University of Georgia, and Georgia Tech, whose programs focus on research related to the development of a cure and more efficient treatments, as well as the resources to provide a better quality of life for those affected by brain tumors; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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